

February 20, 2003

D.T.E. 03-8

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company

Review by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19 and G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company's 1998, 1999, and 2000 Demand-Side Management Performance Measurement Reports, and of Eastern Edison Company's 1999 Demand-Side Management Performance Measurement Report.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively "Company") have filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") Demand Side Management Performance Reports for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. In addition, Eastern Edison Company ("Eastern"), now merged with the Company, filed its 1999 Demand Side Management Performance Report (together, "Reports"). The Reports use quantitative analyses to assess energy and capacity savings resulting from the implementation of the Company's Energy Efficiency Plans, approved by the Department in Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 96-25 (1996); Eastern Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-91 (1998); Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 97-77 (1999); and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.T.E. 00-65 (2000). The Reports also include calculations of shareholder incentives based upon each years' savings. The Department is required to review and approve energy efficiency expenditures after determining that the implementation of such programs was cost-effective. G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A § 11G.

A copy of the Reports are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. Copies are also on file for public view at Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582-0099. Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing and should contact counsel for the Companies, Amy G. Rabinowitz, Esq., at (508) 389-2975. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments on the Company's filing at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003**, at the Department's offices - One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and four (4) copies of such comments with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business **Thursday, March 13, 2003**. One copy must also be sent to Amy Rabinowitz, Esq., Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582-0099.

Any person seeking to intervene in this investigation must file an original and five (5) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) **Thursday, March 6, 2003** with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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The Petitioners are required to give notice of said request for comments by publication hereof once at least fourteen (14) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Boston Globe, Worcester Telegram, Lynn Item, Eagle-Tribune (Lawrence), Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), Springfield Daily News, Patriot Ledger (Quincy), and the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, Brockton Enterprise, and Fall River Herald and to make return of service and publication, to include the original clippings of the newspaper publications, at the close of the comment period.

The Companies shall post by certified mail a copy of this notice and Order, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the close of the comment period to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources, the service lists in D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-77, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-91 and to the participants in D.T.E. 00-65.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary